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Re: High-Priority CIP Projects -- Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29

Dear City Council Members:

Last year, the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29 identified two high-priority projects for the Council's consideration as it developed the 2009 CIP budget:

1. Conducting a Kahalu'u Pedestrian and Bicycle Network Circulation Study; and
2. Implementing sidewalk and landscaping improvements to Waihe'e Road.

Both of these projects are included in the Kahalu'u Community Master Plan --a collaborative effort involving the City and County of Honolulu that received substantial input and support from the community during its formulation. The Master Plan identifies these two projects as important to increasing transportation safety and improving circulation within the Kahalu'u community. These are longstanding community priorities. Unfortunately they were excluded from the final 2009 budget. Now they have also been excluded from the FY2010 executive capital budget.

I understand that these are tight times. But our neighborhood has been patiently awaiting its turn and I sincerely hope that these projects can be reinstated in the FY2010 budget. I would love to see them completed in my lifetime.

Sincerely,
Mark J. Valencia
Neighborhood Board Member

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